a word group selection system for enabling a user to speak via voice commands to select at least a first of said plurality of different groups of words, said first group of words being selected based upon at least a word spoken by the user, so that a limited number of groups of the entire vocabulary, less than said plurality, is searched for a word during subsequent speech recognition processes in the mobile telephone after selection of at least the first of said plurality of groups of words.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 11. (New) The speech recognition system of claim 1, further comprising an automatic word group generation system for automatically generating new groups of words for storage in said vocabulary when a number of words in or at a particular location in the vocabulary exceeds a predetermined threshold value.

12. (New) A speech recognition system in a mobile telephone, the speech recognition system comprising:

means for storing a word vocabulary in trellis tree structure, wherein words in the vocabulary are arranged in a plurality of different groups of words,

word group selection means for enabling a user to speak via voice commands into the mobile telephone to select a first of said plurality of different groups of words, said first group of words being selected based upon at least a word spoken by the user, and

speech recognition means for comparing input speech from a user to words in said selected first group of words, so that comparing of the input speech is performed relative to said selected first group of words prior to comparing the input speech with other of the